

MINUTES OF THE HENRY'S FORK TRI-TARIES DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

February 2, 1999

McKinnon Schoolhouse, McKinnon, Wyoming

The meeting convened at 5:05 p.m. and was conducted by Jade Henderson of the Wyoming State Engineer's Office. Mr. Henderson introduced representatives of the State Engineer's Offices of both Utah and Wyoming.

The minutes of the 1998 annual meeting were read by John Larsen of the Utah Division of Water Rights. No corrections were needed to the minutes as read so Ken Hanks made a motion to accept them, seconded by Jack Hickey. The voting was unanimous.

Jade Henderson then discussed the financial report for the 1998 season. He reviewed the portions of both states. Total expenditures for the year were \$5,806.36. Utah's contribution was \$2,100.00 and Wyoming's contribution was \$3,706.36. Jade mentioned that wintertime hours were all submitted in June, explaining why wintertime miles had no corresponding hours. A motion was then made by Jack Buckley to approve the financial report as read, seconded by Jack Hickey, all approved.

Jade then called for commissioner Farren Johnson to give his commissioner's report. Farren reported there was ample supply of water for everyone this last year. Hoop Lake filled and spilled. He did not have to turn the water down East Fork to Beaver Creek this last year. Gregory Basin Canal users had all the water they needed throughout the season. Farren mentioned that Wyoming set up streamflow gages on East Fork of Beaver Creek, the Middle Fork of Beaver Creek, and the West Fork of Beaver Creek. These are up and operating. It is proposed to have a gage installed on Burnt Fork this summer. Farren then expressed concern about a break in Beaver Creek bank just below the Wyoming state line. Water soon will break out of the bank and flood the surrounding farm land and then water would not be able to reach the head gates on Beaver Creek. He estimates two hours with a backhoe would accomplish the repair work. Earl Hanks recommended the system get the work done and then motioned to accept the commissioner's report, seconded by Jack Hickey, all approved.

Lee Sim then discussed the assessment for 1999. It will be set at \$2,100.00 like last year. There was a question about the \$2,100.00 collected from Utah users. Lee said that the Utah users are assessed prorated based upon their water rights and once this is collected, it is sent to the Wyoming State Engineer's office for disbursement. The remainder of the funds are appropriated from the Wyoming legislature. John Wilde motioned to accept the assessment as proposed, seconded by Jack Hickey, all Utah users approved.

Jade Henderson then asked John Yarbrough to give a report on the snowpack so far this year. He said snowpack as of this date is as follows:

Hole in the Rock	117	133%	44 inches of water
Hewinta	104	95%	6 inches of water
Hickerson Park	95	108%	39 inches of water
Steel Creek Park	86	85%	
Basin Wide snowpack		94%	of normal.

Jade then called for a motion to be made from this group for commissioner for the year 1999. A motion was made by Jack Hickey to retain Farren Johnson for the upcoming season, seconded by Gino Foianini, all approved.

Jade mentioned the joint mapping project is still continuing. Sole water supplies still need to be identified. Utah has provided Wyoming with all digitized information. It is a matter of finalizing the information. The water users are anxious to have the project finished.

Inquiry was made as to the status of Island Lake. Island Lake capacity and flows were not researched this last year. Jade recommended remote telemetry on this storage facility would be very helpful in monitoring the capacity and flows from the reservoir. Concern was expressed that water was being stored past the storage dates for Island Lake in the early part of the season and is not being released when it should be. Bob said that we just don't know how it is being operated. He will investigate this matter further.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Those attending the meeting are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Lee Sim	Utah Division of Water Rights
John S. Larsen	Utah Division of Water Rights
Bob Leake	Utah Division of Water Rights
Dave Barfuss	Utah Division of Water Rights
Jade Henderson	Wyoming State Engineer's Office
John Yarbrough	Wyoming State Engineer's Office
Farren Johnson	Water Commissioner
Allan Cunningham	Wyoming State Board of Control
Earl Hanks	Hanks Ranch
Ken Hanks	Hanks Ranch
Clyde Hanks	Hanks Ranch
Jon C. Wilde	Water User
Bob Eyre	Water User
Darrel Eyre	Lyman Grazing Association
Wade Stephens	Stephens Ranch
Fay Wadsworth	Water User
Glen Wadsworth	Water User
Milton Beck	Water User
Shane Kelsch	Water User
Don Behunin	Water User
Gino Foianini	Water User
Jack Hickey	Water User
Dave Brinton	Water User
Jack Buckley	Water User

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John John Buckley off the list & should include Jack Buckley